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(SANCHEZ MENDAZA, JON)

SUBJECT: VISAS VIPER SUBMISSION

¶1. POST WISHES TO SUBMIT AND/OR UPDATE THE FOLLOWING NAME AND INFORMATION IN CLASS IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIPER PROCEDURES:

¶2. SPANISH PRESS OF APRIL 1, 2005 REPORTED THE ARREST OF JON SANCHEZ MENDAZA, AN ALLEGED LEADER OF "KAS - EKIN", AN OUTLAWED ORGANIZATION OF ETA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THE ARREST TOOK PLACE AT HINX, LES LANDES, FRANCE, AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL HAD AN ACCIDENT WHEN DRIVING A STOLEN CAR WITH FALSE LICENSE PLATES AND ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. FRENCH POLICE FOUND SEVERAL SETS OF FALSE I.D. CARDS IN HIS POSSESSION. SANCHEZ MENDAZA WAS PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED IN SPAIN ON SEPT. 13, 2000, ALONG WITH LEADERS IN THE ORGANIZATION WHO WERE INCLUDED IN THE ON-GOING INDICTMENT AGAINST "KAS-EKIN". THE SPANISH NATIONAL COURT ORDERED HIS PROVISIONAL IMPRISONMENT, AND WAS LATER RELEASED ON A EURO 30,000 BAIL ON DEC. 21, 2001, PENDING TRIAL. SANCHEZ MENDAZA WAS AT LARGE SINCE AUG. 2004 THAT BROKE HIS LEGAL CONDITIONAL STATUS.

¶3. NAME: SANCHEZ MENDAZA, JON

- GENDER: MALE
- DPOB: 1970, PAMPLONA, NAVARRA, SPAIN
- CLASS: NEGATIVE

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